Course description
The number and scope of international organizations continues to expand so that there are few areas of international politics that are not regulated in some way by an international institution, whether informal norms or a formal organization. Why do states establish institutions and what determines their design and evolution? Do these institutions merely reflect underlying power and interests? These are some of the questions we will be asking in this course. It is an advanced research seminar that will introduce theories of international institutions, evaluate critical perspectives, and examine applications in security, economic, and environmental policy areas.

Course requirements
1) Participation in seminar discussion. 20 percent
2) For two weeks in the course, you are expected to write a 1-2 page review of an article, due by noon Tuesday prior to seminar discussion of the article. Late papers not accepted. These papers should discuss the theoretical contribution of the article to the literature, assess its empirical strategy and quality of evidence, and offer specific suggestions for how the article could be improved. The exercise models how one would write a referee report for a journal when asked to review a manuscript. 20 percent (each paper constitutes 10 percent of course grade)
3) For one week, you will provide ten-minute presentation of an “IGO case” that reviews how the IGO operates with background on its creation, design, and effectiveness. You should bring to class copies of one-page outline but not use audiovisual. What scholarly puzzle could be examined through further analysis of the case? 10 percent
4) Choice of two 8-10 page papers on themes from a weekly topic with one written during first half of semester and one during second half of semester; or a 20-30 page research paper (those who choose the latter option should discuss their topic with me and submit a 1 page proposal by no later than the third week of class). 50 percent

Books recommended for purchase:


Gray, Julia. The Company State’s Keep (Cambridge University Press, 2013)


**Week 1 Introduction**


Keohane, Robert. *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy* (Princeton University Press, 1984), chps. 1, 4-6 (pp. 5-17, 49-109) (Chapter 6 required, others recommended).


**Week 2 Theories on the Design of International Institutions**


**Review:**


**Week 3 International Organizations as Clubs and Networks**


**Review:**


**Week 4 Theories of Compliance**


**Review:**


**Week 5 Issue Linkage and Regime Complexity**


Mikulaschek, Christoph. “Issue linkage across international organizations: Does European countries’ temporary membership in the UN Security Council increase their receipts from the EU budget?” *Review of International Organizations* (Forthcoming, available from author’s website).


*Recommended:*


**Week 6 The Nexus Between Domestic and International Institutions**


*Recommended:*


**Week 7  Collective Security and the UN**


** Recommended:**


**Week 8 Monetary Policy and International Financial Institutions**


*Recommended:*


Findley et al “Orchestrating the fight against anonymous incorporation: a field experiment” Chapter 12 in *International Organizations as Orchestrators* (Cambridge University Press, 2015).

**Week 9 International Trade**


Review:


Week 10 Cooperation to Protect the Environment


Recommended:


**Week 11 Human Rights Treaties and the International Criminal Court**


Review:


**Week 12 Regional Integration**


Review:


